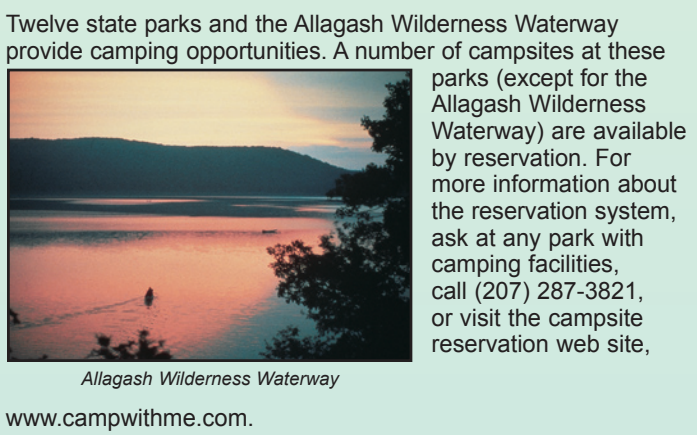


State Parks

Designed to harmonize with mountain, lake, and seashore, Maine's state park system is as varied as the state's landscape. In Maine, state parks are dedicated to the visitor's enjoyment; you'll find the people who manage them friendly and helpful.



Allagash Wilderness Waterway

www.campwithme.com.

In addition to camping, state parks also offer a range of day use activities, from ocean swimming to wilderness hiking. Some parks have group use areas that require reservations. Hunting and trapping are allowed on some park lands; contact the park for specific policies and laws regarding these activities.

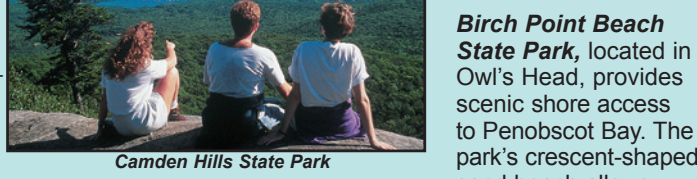
Fees for camping and day use vary depending on the facilities provided. If you visit day use areas frequently, consider purchasing a season pass, which is available by mail from the Bureau of Parks and Lands office in Augusta and at most state parks during the regular season.

Rules at Maine's state parks are simple and intended to protect the site and enhance everyone's enjoyment. Pets are not allowed on beaches or in the Sebago Lake State Park campground. Although in the fall and winter, many facilities are closed for the season, people continue to enjoy the areas on foot and are encouraged to do so.

Welcome, and have a good time.

The Allagash Wilderness Waterway is a canoe camper's paradise. This 92-mile corridor of lakes and river connects several large public reserved land units and is surrounded by a vast, privately-owned commercial forest. The area is also used extensively in the winter for ice fishing and snowmobiling even though there are no groomed trails. If you plan to canoe the Allagash, write to the Northern Region, Bureau of Parks and Lands, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401 for more information. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Aroostook State Park is located on Echo Lake, off U.S. Route 1 south of Presque Isle, in the heart of Maine's potato country. Hiking on nearby Quaggy Jo Mountain and trout fishing on Echo Lake are popular local activities. Campsites, showers, kitchen shelter, a beach with lifeguard, and canoe and paddleboat rentals are provided in season. Groomed cross-country ski trails are available in the winter. Groomed snowmobile trails also cross through the park. Telephone: (207)768-8341



Camden Hills State Park

swimming in gentle surf. There are no lifeguards. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Bradbury Mountain State Park in Pownal is five miles from the Freeport-Durham exit off U.S. 95. A picnic area and shelter, playground, ballfield, hiking trails, and 41 campsites are available to visitors. A short hike to the 485-foot summit of Bradbury Mountain allows a view of Casco Bay and the surrounding countryside. Cross-country ski trails are available in winter, and local snowmobile trails. Guided walks and programs for groups available year-round. Telephone: (207)688-4712

Camden Hills State Park is 2 miles north of Camden on U.S. Route 1. Visitors may drive or hike to the summit of Mt. Battie for an excellent view of Camden Harbor, Penobscot Bay, and inland lakes and rivers. Mt. Megallowick, highest of the Camden Hills, is a moderate climb by foot trail. The park offers 30 miles of hiking trails with access from five major trailheads. A 107-site camping area includes flush toilets and hot showers. Salt and freshwater beaches are nearby. During the winter, a local snowmobile club maintains several trails when snow permits. Telephone: May 1 - October 15 (207)236-3109; October 16 - April 30 (207)236-0849

Cobscook Bay State Park on U.S. Route 1, 4 miles south of Dennys-ville, "Cobscook" is a Maliseet-Passamaquoddy word for waterfall, referring to the falls that reverse with each change of the 24-foot tides, highest in Maine. Many campsites and shelters are on the water's edge, secluded among spruce and fir trees. In addition to boating and hiking, visitors can enjoy day trips to nearby Quoddy Head, Shackford Head, and Roque Bluffs State Parks, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, and Roosevelt, Campobello International Park on Campobello Island in New Brunswick. Hot showers are available. Groomed cross-country ski trails are available in the winter. Telephone: (207)726-4412

Crescent Beach State Park is about eight miles south of Portland on Maine Route 77 in Cape Elizabeth. The park offers bathing in the surf or in the sun at one of Maine's finest beaches. There are picnic tables and grills, a children's playground, a snack bar, and a bathroom with cold water showers. Telephone: (207)799-5871

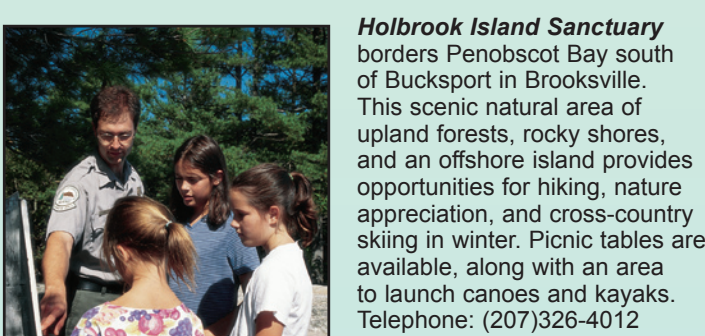
Damariscotta Lake State Park beside Maine Route 32 in Jefferson offers a fine sand beach swimming area with a lifeguard, a group use shelter, changing areas, picnic tables, and grills. Telephone: park season (207)549-7600; off-season (207)941-4014

Ferry Beach State Park is located off Maine Route 9 on Bay View Road between Old Orchard Beach and Camp Ellis in Saco.

A stand of tupelo (black gum) trees, rare at this latitude, can be seen in this 100-acre area, which offers a sweeping view of miles of white sand beaches between the Saco River and Pine Point. A changing room, picnic area, nature trails, and guided nature programs are available. Telephone: park season (207)283-0067; off-season (207)624-6080

Fort Point State Park off U.S. Route 1 in Stockton Springs, on the tip of a peninsula jutting into scenic Penobscot Bay, is an excellent picnicking or fishing spot. It includes historic Fort Pownall and Fort Point Light, a lighthouse dating from 1836. A two-hundred-foot pier accommodates visitors arriving by boat. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Grafton Notch State Park borders Maine Rte. 26 between Upton and Newry. Several hiking trails extend through a spectacular, scenic area at the end of the Mahoosuc Range. The 2,000-mile Appalachian Trail passes through the park on the way to the trail's northern terminus, Mt. Katahdin.
Sights include: Screw Auger Falls, Spruce Meadow, Mouter Walker Falls, Old Speck Mountain, and Moose Cave. Facilities include picnic tables and grills. A main artery snowmobile trail (ITS 52) traverses the park and is maintained by a local snowmobile club. Telephone: park season (207)824-2912; off-season (207)624-6080



Holbrook Island Sanctuary

Lake St. George State Park, located on Maine Route 1 in Liberty, provides easy access to the shore of a crystal clear, spring-fed lake. The day use area includes a swimming area with lifeguards and a bathroom. Campers will find 38 sites, flush toilets, trailer dumping station, and showers. Hiking and fishing are popular activities. Boat and canoe rentals are available and a boat launch site adjoins the park. A snowmobile trail is maintained from the park to Frye Mountain Game management area and connects to several local club trails. Telephone: (207)589-4255

Lamoine State Park is located on Maine Route 184, eight miles southeast from Ellsworth. Located on Frenchman's Bay, the park is near Acadia National Park on Mt. Desert Island. Visitors will find a 61 site campground and hot showers, picnic area, boat launching ramp, saltwater fishing pier, and children's playground. Telephone: park season (207)687-4778; off-season (207)941-4014

Lily Bay State Park is nine miles north of Greenville on the east shore of Moosehead Lake. The park's two campgrounds include 91 well-spaced campsites (many along the shore), two boat launch sites with boat slips, swim area, a day use area with a playground, and a shoreline hiking trail. Group camping is also available. Telephone: park season (207)695-2700; off-season (207)941-4014

Moose Point State Park on U.S. Route 1 between Belfast and Searsport provides refuge from busy Route 1 for a cook-out or picnic. Relax in an evergreen grove, explore tidal pools, take a walk on the park's trails, or just enjoy the Penobscot Bay and panorama. Telephone: park season (207)548-2882; off-season (207)941-4014

Mount Blue State Park about 14 miles northwest from Wilton off Maine Route 156 in Weld, is a campground, hot showers, sand beach with bathhouse, boat launch, and a shelter. The park's center are among the features of the Webb Lake area. The nearby Center Hill Area provides a scenic picnic spot, nature trail, and an extensive multiple use trail open to ATVs, horses, walkers, and mountain bikes. Mt. Blue is also a popular day hike. A naturalist leads scheduled hikes and programs during the summer months. Adirondack shelters are available for large group use, and canoes may be rented. The park maintains cross-country ski trails, a major snowmobile trail, and an ice rink during the winter. Telephone: Memorial Day - Labor Day (207)585-2347; off-season (207)585-2261

Owls Head Light State Park is located four miles off Maine Route 73 in Owls Head. Managed with the cooperation of the United States Coast Guard, the park provides access to Owls Head Light, an 1852 lighthouse poised on a granite promontory 100 feet above Penobscot Bay. The park provides picnic tables and shore access. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Peacock Beach State Park is just off Maine Route 201 on Pleasant Pond in Richmond, about twelve miles from Augusta. A small beach and swimming area make this an ideal spot for a family picnic. Telephone: park season (207)582-2813; off-season (207)624-6080

Peaks-Kenny State Park is nestled in the mountains on the shore of Sebago Lake, at the end of Maine Route 153 about six miles from Dover-Foxcroft. The park offers camping, flush toilets, hot water showers, and well-spaced sites in a woodland setting. A lifeguard, picnic area, and bathroom with showers are found at the beach, which is used by campers and day use visitors. Special features such as hiking and amphitheater programs add variety to this scenic spot. Telephone: park season (207)564-2003; off-season (207)941-4014

The Penobscot River Corridor (PRC), located in the heart of the Maine's undeveloped forest land, provides outstanding opportunities for remote canoe trips, fishing excursions, and whitewater rafting (provided by commercial operators). Managed by the Bureau in cooperation with several landowners, the PRC provides water access recreation along more than 67 miles of river and 70 miles of lake frontage. Major access points in the area are gained from Millinocket or Greenville. Trips to this remote region require careful planning; contact the Bureau at (207) 941-4014 for more information.

Popham Beach State Park is a spacious sand beach reached by taking Maine Route 209 fourteen miles from Bath to Phippsburg and following signs to the park. Facilities include bathhouses, freshwater rinse-off showers, and charcoal grills. Fort Popham is two miles further south on Route 209. Telephone: (207)389-1335

Quoddy Head State Park is four miles off Maine Route 189

in Lubec. The eastern-most point of land and lighthouse in the United States is adjacent to the park. The scenic trails follow rock cliffs rising from the ocean 80 feet below and traverse a dense evergreen forest. A boardwalk provides access to a fragile peat bog with rare plant life. Telephone: park season (207)733-0811; off-season (207)941-4014

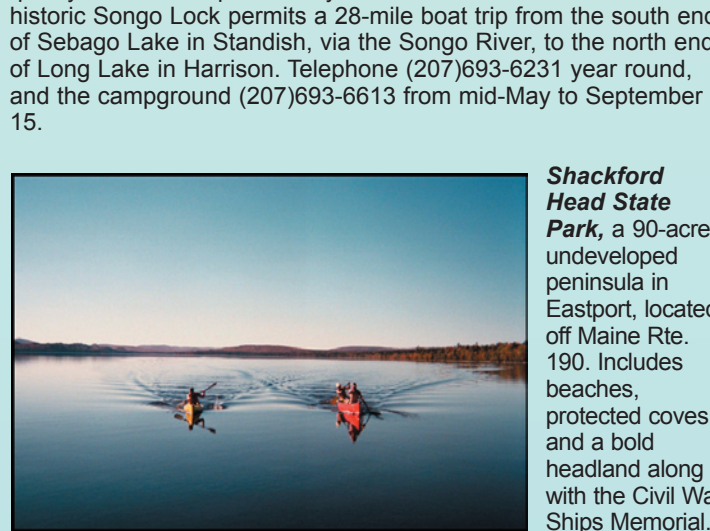
Range Ponds State Park is just off the Empire Road in Poland. The Empire Road is approached from Maine Route 122; take Route 26 north from Gray, or Route 202 south from Lewistown which will connect with Route 122. Range Ponds is a day-use park with facilities for picnicking, a ballfield, and a swimming area with lifeguards. Telephone: park season (207)998-4104; off-season (207)624-6080

Rangely Lake State Park can be reached from Rumford via Maine Route 17 or from Farmington via Maine Route 4. Located in an area famous for trout and landlocked salmon fishing, the park offers some of the most beautiful scenery in the state in this region of mountains and lakes. Visitors will find well-spaced campsites among the fragrant spruce and fir trees, hot showers, and a concrete boat launching ramp with floats. A major snowmobile trail is maintained into the park by the town of Rangely and connects to local trails as well as to ITS 89. Telephone: park season (207)864-3858; off-season (207)624-6080

Reid State Park reached by turning south off Rte. 1 in Woolwich onto Rte. 127 and traveling about 14 miles. Nearly a mile and a half of sand beaches, dunes, marshes, ledges, and ocean, plus a warm saltwater pond for swimming, make Reid one of Maine's most popular saltwater parks. Facilities include a snack bar, picnic areas with charcoal grills, and bathhouses with freshwater showers. Telephone: (207)371-2303

Roque Bluffs State Park in the town of Roque Bluffs about six miles off U.S. Route 1, is a unique day use area. With its pebble beach on the ocean and freshwater pond, it provides both fresh and saltwater swimming. Facilities include tables, grills, changing areas with toilets, and a children's playground. Telephone: park season (207)255-3475; off-season (207)941-4014

Sebago Lake State Park is located off U.S. 302 in Casco and Naples. The day use area, in Casco, features hiking trails, extensive sand beaches, tables, grills, restrooms, and a boat ramp. Group outing areas, and group camping areas are available and may be reserved by calling the park. The campground, in Naples, offers excellent sand beaches, restrooms with hot showers, and a table and fireplace on each site. A park interpretive program enhances summertime visits with amphitheatre programs, a nature center building, hikes and other activities for young and old alike. The clear, clean water of Sebago Lake supports a high quality freshwater sport fishery for salmon and lake trout. The historic Songo Lock permits a 28-mile boat trip from the south end of Sebago Lake in Standish, via the Songo River, to the north end of Long Lake in Harrison. Telephone (207)693-6231 year round, and the campground (207)693-6613 from mid-May to September 15.



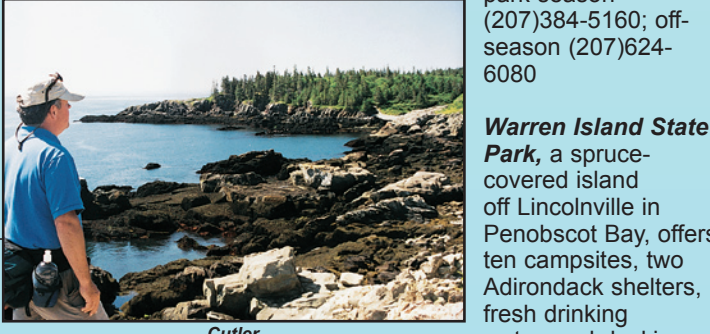
Shackford Head State Park

A hiking trail from the parking area through the woods to the rocky headland allows beautiful views of Cobscook Bay. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Swan Lake State Park on the shores of its namesake in the Swanville area, is one of Maine's newest parks. Follow signs from Maine Route 141 north of Swanville for excellent picnicking, playground, and a beautiful group shelter area for reunions and other large gatherings. The park also offers a swimming area with lifeguard supervision. Telephone: park season (207)525-4404; off-season (207)941-4014

Two Lights State Park is off Maine Route 77 in Cape Elizabeth. Picnic or stroll along the rocky headland and enjoy a marvelous view of Casco Bay, the open Atlantic and crashing surf, while lobstermen haul traps offshore. Prior to becoming a park, the site served as a World War II coastal defense installation and some remnants of that use remain visible today. Picnic tables and grills are available as are a shelter and sites for groups by reservation for a fee. Crescent Beach State Park is a half-mile away. Telephone: (207)799-5871

Vaughan Woods Memorial State Park is a 250-acre forested tract along the scenic Salmon Falls River. The park includes picnic facilities and hiking trails through old growth stands of pine and hemlock. Vaughan Woods Park can be found by traveling south on Rte. 236 out of South Berwick. After about 12-mile, turn right opposite the middle high school on to Vine Street. Go about one mile to the intersection of Vine Street and Old Fields Road. Turn right and watch for the Vaughan Woods entrance on the right. Telephone: park season (207)384-5160; off-season (207)624-6080



Warren Island State Park

A spruce-covered island off Lincolnville in Penobscot Bay, offers ten campsites, two Adirondack shelters, fresh drinking water, and docking and mooring facilities on the lee side for protection. The park is designed for the boating public, and there is no public ferry transpor-tation to the island. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park offers hiking, picnicking, and wildlife watching on more than 200 acres of forest and shoreland just four and a half miles from busy Rte. 1 in downtown Freeport, via Bow Street and Wolf Neck Road. Dedicated to nature appreciation, the park provides interpretive signs on trails and guided programs for groups and the general public. Facilities

include picnic tables with charcoal grills; wheelchair accessible parking, picnicking, bathrooms, and path; and five miles of hiking trails through the woods and along the shores of Casco Bay and the Harpsseet River. Telephone: April through October (207)865-4465; November through March (207)624-6080.

Public Reserved Lands

These lands total almost a half million acres of Maine wild lands and are managed for a variety of resource values including recreation, wildlife, and timber. The public reserved lands are managed for multiple-uses under a "dominant use" system which ensures that sensitive resources such as rare plants and backcountry recreation areas are not disturbed by more intensive management activities. There are 23 "units" of public reserved lands ranging in size from 500 to more than 43,000 acres and many other smaller scattered lots. Recreational opportunities include camping, fishing, and hiking on some of Maine's most outstanding natural features. Hunting and trapping are allowed on these lands, subject to certain rules. Call (207)827-1821 for specific policies and laws regarding these activities.

Generally fees are not charged to visit these lands. The funds generated from careful timber management cover the cost of managing recreational use. In a few instances, as shown on the chart, units are managed in cooperation with neighboring landowners and fees are collected. Unpaved private roads provide access to many of these backcountry recreation areas. Drivers are cautioned to yield the right-of-way to logging trucks at all times. For more information, write or call the Bureau of Parks and Lands, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022. Telephone: (207)287-3821.

Coastal Islands are managed for low impact remote recreation. The islands open for recreation, which include several dozen small wild coastal islands, vary from year to year to avoid conflicts with nesting sea birds. Contact the bureau for more information or to obtain a current listing. Telephone: (207)827-3821

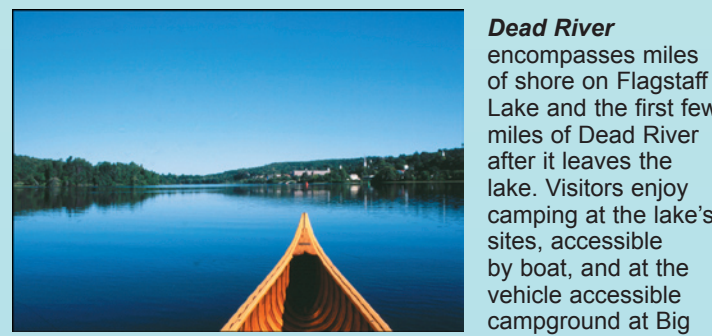
Bald Mountain a popular hiking destination. A short trail leads visitors to the bald summit ledges, a viewing platform provides superb views of the Rangeley Lakes. Access is from the Bald Mountain Road in Quossoc. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Bigelow Preserve encompasses 35,000 acres including the entire Bigelow Mountain Range and nearly 20 miles of the southern shore of Flagstaff Lake. It was established by popular referendum in 1976. Visitors enjoy hiking along the Appalachian Trail and other trails as well as fishing, swimming, and camping. Winter visitors enjoy snowmobiling and cross country skiing. Access to the preserve is gained over gravel roads off Route 27 in Carrabassett, and by the Long Falls Dam Road from North New Portland. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Chain of Ponds includes Natanis, Long, Bag, and Lower Ponds joined by short thoroughfares to form the "chain". The unit includes frontage on each of the ponds and offers lake shore camping at primitive remote sites or a commercial campground with amenities. Access by Route 27 north of Stratton. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Chamberlain Lake is a group of parcels abutting the large lakes that form the south end of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. Canoeists from the waterway follow the hiking trails to the tops of two low mountains and enjoy fine views of the lakes and forests. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Cutler includes almost 5 miles of Washington County "Bald Coast" characterized by dramatic cliff-bound ocean shore. A network of hiking trails follows most of the shore, providing access to remote hike-in campsites, then returns to the trail head through the stunted spruce, heaths, and grass-lands of the interior. Access is from Rte. 191 in Cutler. Tel.: (207)827-1818



Kennebec River

Access is gained via the Long Falls Dam Road from North New Portland. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Debouille is a superb example of the Maine woods. Low rugged mountains and scenic remote trout ponds are all available to visitors using the 22,000 acre unit's hiking trails and campsites. Snowmobilers frequently pass through the unit on their way from Eagle Lake to Allagash. Access is gained by private gravel roads leaving Route 161 at St. Francis and at Portage. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Dodge Point with its several miles of shoreline on the Damariscotta River estuary and 500 acres of carefully tended forest, is available for visitor day-use enjoyment. A network of hiking and sailing trails provides fine views of the estuary, the woods, and an historic ice pond. Visitors arrive by boat from the public landing in Damariscotta or by vehicle using the River Road in Newcastle. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Donnell Pond encompasses miles of shore on Donnell Pond, Tunk, and Spring River Lakes; and most of Schoodic, Black, Tunk, and Caribou Mountains. Boating, hiking, and swimming are popular activities. Visitors also enjoy campsites accessible by foot or water on lake shores. Access is twelve miles east of Ellsworth off Route 182 or 183. Telephone: (207)827-1818

Duck Lake is a 25,000 acre unit located in eastern Maine. Duck Lake, the Unknown Lakes, and Gassabias Lake offer fishing,

boating, swimming, camping, and snowmobiling opportunities. Access is gained over rough private roads: from the west, off an extension of Route 188 out of Burlington; from the south, off the Stud Mill Road in T34. Telephone: (207)827-1818

Eagle Lake is a 23,000-acre unit including most of Eagle Lake in northern Maine. The unit abuts Square Lake to the east with a thoroughfare connecting the two lakes. Fishing, boating, hunting, and camping are popular activities here. Access is gained off the Sly Brook Road, connecting with Route 11 at Soldier Pond (Wallagrass) or by boat from the launch in the town of Eagle Lake. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Four Ponds lies just east of Mooseolomeguntic Lake. The Appalachian Trail traverses the length of this 6,000-acre unit with a lean-to at Sabbath Day Pond and a campsite at Little Swift River Pond. Fishing and swimming are popular activities. Winter visitors pass through on snowmobiles on their way from Rangely to Weld. Access is gained by the Appalachian Trail off Route 17 in Township D or Route 4 in Sandy River. Telephone: (207)778-8231

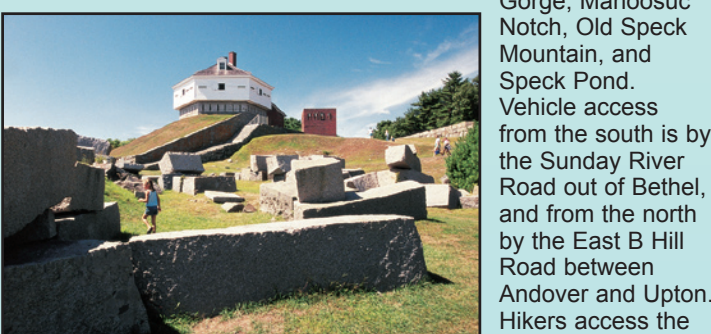
Gero Island is large island in Chesunook Lake. The water access campsites on the shore are popular with anglers and canoeists paddling the West Branch Penobscot River. The unit also includes most of historic Chesunook Village on the mainland. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Great Heath in Washington County includes the Pleasant River as it flows through the center of a large peat bog. Canoeists enjoy a flat water paddling opportunity along the meanders of the channel. Access is off unmarked gravel roads north of Cherryfield. Telephone: (207)827-1818

Holeb a recreational use dominated by the Moose River "Bow Trip," long popular among canoeists and fishermen. Most of the shores on Attean and Holeb Ponds and a significant length of the Moose River including Holeb Falls lie within the unit's boundaries. Numerous primitive campsites are available. Access is gained either via the traditional portage trail from Attean Pond to the private logging road north of Jackman. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Little Moose is a 15,000 acre unit that includes Big and Little Moose Mountains and several remote ponds that offer excellent hiking and fishing opportunities. Winter visitors enjoy snowmobiling and cross country skiing. Backpackers can enjoy camping at remote sites on the pond shores. Access is by gravel road off Route 15 north of Greenville. Telephone: (207)778-8231

MacKworth Island located in Falmouth and offers a path around the hundred-acre island, scenic views of Casco Bay, and access to the pocket beaches. The Governor Baxter School for the Deaf is on the island and is not open to the public without prior arrangement. A guide book is available to help visitors appreciate the island's natural and cultural history. Access is via Andrews Avenue off Rte. 1. Tel.: (207)778-8231



Fort McClary State Historic Site

off Route 26 and the Success Pond Road in New Hampshire. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Moosehead Lake includes Sugar and Farm Islands and most of the shore in Days Academy and Kineo Townships. There are numerous boat access campsites on the shore. Hiking trails provide visitors access to the spectacular views of the summit of Mount Kineo. Boats may be launched at several locations on the lake including Lily Bay State Park and Rockwood. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Nahmakanta encompasses nearly 43,000 acres and is the largest unit in the public reserved lands system. The Appalachian Trail crosses the site following the shore of Nahmakanta Lake. The large roadless Debbscowne backcountry area offers the experienced hiker the opportunity to explore a spectacular complex of low mountains and remote ponds. Vehicle accessible campsites provide convenient access to scenic ponds and hiking trailheads. A popular snowmobile trail crosses the unit linking Millinocket and Greenville. Access is from Kokadjo or Brownville over gravel roads. Telephone: (207)827-1818

Pineland is a 600 acre unit in Cumberland County with a pastoral landscape of fields and forest. Hikers and skiers enjoy a three-mile network of trails that start at a small parking area on the Gray Depot Road. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Richardson is located between Upper Richardson and Mooseolomeguntic Lakes in western Maine. Fishing, boating, and swimming are popular activities, with camping available at two sites on the south shore of Mooseolomeguntic (no fee) or through South Arm Campground (fee). Access to the southern portion of Richardson is by the South Arm Road. There are boat access sites on the northern and southern tip of Richardson Lake, as well as at Quossoc in Rangely, and on the south shore of Mooseolomeguntic below Tothaker Island. Route 16 passes through the northern portion of the unit in Adamstown. Telephone: (207)778-8231

Rocky Lake has numerous coves and islands, and along with Second Lake, provides interesting warm-water fishing. The Kennebec River offers fishing and canoeing opportunities. Facilities include boat launches and campsites. The 11,000 acre Rocky Lake unit is located on Route 191 north of East Machias. Telephone: (207)827-1818

Round Pond takes its name from the pond which is a wide section of the Allagash River. Canoeists from the river enjoy the view of river and forest from the observation tower on top of Round Pond Mt. This 20,000 acre unit is a popular hunting area in the fall. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Scraggly Lake the centerpiece of this 10,000-acre unit. The lake has a campground and boat launch for visitors, while Ireland Pond offers a remote recreational experience. Fishing, hunting, camping, and hiking are popular activities. Access is via the Rte. 159 extension out of Shin Pond, then by the Scraggly Lake Road. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Seboeis contains a considerable amount of shoreline on two large lakes and is located south of Millinocket. Campers and day visitors on this 13,000 acre parcel enjoy fishing and impressive views of the nearby mountains, including Katahdin. Snowmobilers pass through the lake shore and snowmobile trails through the woods are the most popular destinations for visitors. Access is by gravel road off Route 163 west of Presque Isle. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Squapan The entire eastern shore of this large Aroostook County lake is the boundary of this 18,000 acre unit. Most of rugged Squapan Ridge is within the unit. Water access campsites on the lake shore and snowmobile trails through the woods are the most popular destinations for visitors. Access is by gravel road off Route 163 west of Presque Isle. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Telos is a 23,000 acre unit that surrounds Telos Lake and the southern end of Chamberlain Lake, the most popular starting point for canoeists traveling the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. A campsite is located on Cofefelos Pond which is popular with anglers. Telephone: (207)435-7963

Wassataquoik features several miles of scenic shoreline on the East Branch of the Penobscot River and Wassataquoik Stream. Primitive campsites are available on the shores. A popular snowmobile trail passes near the unit and connects East Millinocket and Shin Pond. Access is by gravel road off Route 11 in Stacyville. Telephone: (207)827-1818

State Historic Sites

Maine's rich historical heritage has been preserved and is interpreted by the Bureau of Parks and Lands at numerous historic sites. Visitors can explore old forts, which protected America's waterways during the American Revolution and the Civil War, visit a blast furnace and charcoal kiln deep in Maine's colorful wildlands, or spend an afternoon at a 17th century archaeological site. Many areas also offer picnic facilities.



Colonial Pemaquid

Lake, made famous by Teddy Roosevelt who visited the area beginning in 1878. As a young man under the guidance of his lifelong friend and guide Bill Sewall, Roosevelt camped at the end of Mattawamkeag Lake and hunted and fished throughout the area. It was reported that, each day, Roosevelt would take his bible and hike to a beautiful point of land at the confluence of the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag River and First Brook where he would read the bible. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Colonial Pemaquid is situated at the mouth of the Pemaquid River in Bristol. Extensive archaeological excavations have unearthed 14 foundations of 17th and 18th century structures and the officers' quarters for Fort William Henry and Fort Frederick. A museum displays hundreds of artifacts found on the site, dating from prehistoric times through the colonial period. Musket balls, coins, pottery, and early hardware are among items of interest. The site includes a reconstruction of Fort William Henry, which also houses museum exhibits. Tours are available during the summer months. Hikers access the site on Rte. 129 from Damariscotta, then take Rte. 130 for 9 miles, bear right 1 mile. Telephone: Summer season (207)877-2423; off-season (207)624-6080

Eagle Island, about 3 miles off the coast of Harspswell, was the summer home of North Pole explorer, Admiral Robert E. Peary. The island is equipped with a pier which makes visitation possible throughout the summer for picnickers, nature enthusiasts, and history buffs. The Peary family home is open for touring. A hiking trail also provides an opportunity to explore the island. Contact the Bureau of Parks and Lands for information concerning boats for hire that provide transportation to the island. Telephone: (207)624-6080

Fort Edgecomb was built to protect picturesque Wiscasset, once the most important shipping center north of Boston. This octagonal 1808 blockhouse and restored fortifications overlook the Sheepscot River, where harbor seals and osprey are often seen. Turn south off U.S. Rte. 1 on Eddy Road at Edgecomb, end of Wiscasset bridge, then take next right. Telephone: in-season (207)882-7777; off-season (207)624-6080

Fort Halifax, built in 1754, was the oldest blockhouse in the United States before it was destroyed during the flood of 1987. A reconstructed blockhouse, which incorporates many timbers from the 1754 blockhouse, stands on the fort's original site at the confluence of the Kennebec and Sebasticook Rivers in Winslow. Fort Halifax was built at this strategic location to protect English colonial settlements along the Kennebec and was garrisoned from 1754-1766. The fort is located one mile south of the Winslow-Waterville bridge on U.S. Route 201. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Fort Kent, with its main feature of a wooden block house, was constructed in 1839 to secure Maine's claim to the northern forest following the Aroostook War. The fort was named for Maine's Governor Edward Kent. This site is at the confluence of the St. John and Fish Rivers and is adjacent to a picnic area and campsites managed by the local Boy Scout troop. The fort is off Route 1 in the town of Fort Kent. Telephone: (207)941-4014

Fort Knox, Maine's largest historic fort, features stunning military architecture and master granite craftsmanship. Constructed between 1844 and 1869, the fort was strategically located on the narrow of the Penobscot River. Although it never saw combat, Fort Knox and Machias River offers fishin and canoeing opportunities. Visitors are welcome to explore the fort's passageways and many rooms. The fort also features two complete Rodman cannons. Guided tours are available daily during the summer season. On Route 174, just off U.S. Route 1 west of the Waldo-Hancock Bridge. Telephone: (207)469-7719